GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1450
ANSWERED ON:09.12.2004
BLACKMARKETING OF RAIL TICKETS BY TOUTS .
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the menace of touts in Blackmarketing of rail tickets at railway stations;

(b) if so, the number of touts apprehended, punished and jailed during each of the last three years, till date, zone-wise;

(c) the number of railway officials found involved with these touts and action taken against them during the said period, zone-wise; and

(d) the measures taken to check the blackmarketing of Railway tickets?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a): Yes, Sir. Some cases have come to notice.

(b): A statement is attached.

(c): Strict disciplinary action is taken against any railway staff, if found conniving in malpractices under the Discipline & Appeal Rules. However, no separate statistics are maintained.

(d): In order to curb the activity of blackmarketing of rail tickets, regular checks are conducted by the Railways. Police is also involved in the drives against touts. Touts apprehended are prosecuted as per law. Besides, during peak rush periods, monitoring at important locations is stepped up.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (B)) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTNARRED QUESTION NO.1450 BY S/SHRI BIR SINGH MAHATO, KASHIRAM RANA & HARIKEWAL PRASAD REGARDING BLACKMARKETING OF RAIL TICKETS BY TOUTS

Railway	Number of touts prosecuted				Number of touts convicted			
	2001	2002	2003	2004 (upto Sept.`04)	2001	2002	2003	2004 (upto Sept.`04)
Central	52	32	27	23	13	27	25	21
Eastern	321	411	787	935	313	401	713	930
East Central	#	29	59	45	#	21	59	43
East Coast	#	#	73	43	#	#	21	16
Northern	243	218	129	106	125	130	97	49
North Central	#	#	19	16	#	#	13	15
North Eastern	50	35	23	37	38	26	14	19
Northeast Frontier	9	25	15	14	5	17	7	5
North Western	#	8	24	15	#	3	4	Nil
Southern	248	183	72	14	247	181	72	12
South Central	23	9	32	7	18	7	2	Nil
South Eastern	118	113	26	25	33	24	4	1
South East Central	#	#	10	15	#	#	Nil	Nil
South Western	#	#	141	180	#	#	141	180
Western	59	76	85	96	6	14	24	21
West Central	#	#	23	9	#	#	22	4
Total	1123	1139	1545	1580	798	851	1218	1316

Seven new Zones were carved out of the existing 9 Zones from October, 2002 & April, 2003.